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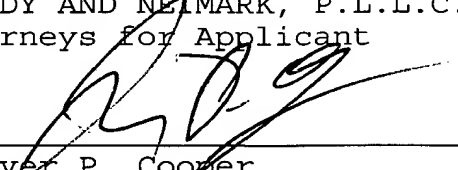
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In response to the restriction requirement mailed October 3, 2003, applicants elect group IV (claims 156-176) with traverse.

The Examiner takes an overly narrow view of PCT Rules 13.1 and 13.2. The inventive concept unifying all claims is the recognition that the timing of immunization can affect the risk of chronic immune-mediated disorders. Methods with different goods and with different method steps can still be sufficiently related to have unity under the PCT standard. For example, in the PCT administrative instructions part 2, Example 6, "a process for making a fuel burner" is deemed to have unity with "a process of manufacturing carbon black".

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Prior to further action on this case, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 35 of this paper.

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